

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the digital data network includes a packet switched digital data network.

12. The system of claim 9, wherein the state authorized entity is a State Treasury.

13. The system of claim 9, further comprising means for charging a credit card of the consumer for the purchase of the goods and tax due thereon.--

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to initial examination of this application. Claims 1-13 are now pending.

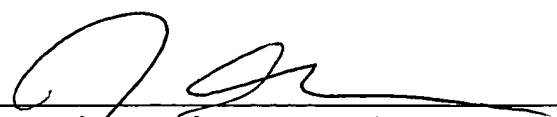
As will be recognized by those of ordinary skill in the art, a "state authorized entity" may include, for example, a state treasury, a state contractor, a clearing house or contractor appointed or recognized by the state, a state appointed vendor, or the like.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Deposit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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